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Vitellius accession to throne.

His 1<sup>st</sup> wife was Petronia

His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Galeria Fundana.

Sen Petronianus by 1<sup>st</sup> wife

Sen Vitellus by 2<sup>nd</sup> and daughter  
by 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jan 69

The armies of Upper and Lower  
Germany threw down Galba's  
image and declared AULUS  
VITELLIVS their new  
emperor

Jan 69

The defection of the German troops  
made Salva painfully aware  
of the need for an heir.

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VITELLIUS was proclaimed  
emperor by the legions on the  
Rhine.

He defeated OTHO near Cremona  
and entered Rome.

10 Jan 69

Galla adopted Lucius Calpurnius  
Piso Frugi Licinianus (then  
around 30 yrs old).

He was taken to camp of the  
praetorian guard where he was  
presented to the soldiers as Galla's heir  
but the reaction to his adoption  
among the senate and the people  
was at best one of indifference.

15 Jan 69

Galba was killed in the Forum  
at Rome. Buried near the VIA  
Aurelia

15 Jan 69

Octavian shipped away from the imperial entourage while Salus was sacrificing in the Temple of Apollo on the Palatine. He was carried in a closed litter to the camp of the praetorian guard, where the soldiers proclaimed him emperor.

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emperor by German legions;  
Galba was overthrown by  
OTHO



15 Jan 69.

Otto became emperor.

His wife was Poppaea Sabina

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It thus was a relatively easy task for Marcus Salvius Otho to win over the praetorian guard and seize power.

Otho had been governor of Iudaea under Nero & was one of 1st to declare for Galba. He felt it was he, not Piso who was Galba's successor.

15 Jan 69

Confused reports began to reach Galba in the imperial palace. He decided to confront the rebels and had himself carried in a litter to the Forum. There he was set upon by Otho's horsemen, tipped from his litter near the LACUS CURTIUS. He was stabbed in the neck by CAMURIUS, a soldier of the 15th legion. Piso fled to the Temple of Vesta, but at

length he too was dragged out and  
killed. Their heads were cut off &  
paraded about the city on poles but Galba's  
was later rescued by his steward ARGIVUS  
and buried with the rest of his body  
in the emperor's own garden on the  
VIA AURELIA

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The senate regarded the new emperor Otto with deep suspicion. They nonetheless voted him the usual powers and privileges and during his short reign, Otto governed with energy and ability.

But he had great difficulty broadening his support or consolidating his position especially when the Rhine

armies proclaimed a rival emperor &  
civil war looked inevitable

Most of the provinces were allegiance to  
Otho.

(1) and Spain declared for Vitellius

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Vespasian resumed the Jerusalem Campaign when only MASSADA, Jerusalem and 2 other cities remained under Jewish control

Vespasian became emperor in 69  
to rule until 79.

He put the Jewish war in the hands  
of his son TITUS